

## MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

### Announcements for March 2024



#### Vestry

The church held its annual vestry on Sunday February 2, 2024. It was well attended in person but there was no one signed in online. It was offered as a hybrid event. The church extended a special thank you to Joanne Lubbock and Barbara Kane who have both stepped down from their positions as Deputy Wardens. They have been very helpful in the management and direction of the church over the past few years. They both reluctantly agreed to continue in their positions when no one else was available. We appreciated their willingness to continue in that situation. We also on your behalf wish to welcome Melaine Powell to the Deputy Rector's Warden role and Maggy Farnell to the Deputy People's Wardens role. We know that both these ladies will be a welcomed addition to the Corporation team. Along with Fr. Daniel, Bobby Briones, and Edith Davis the direction and decisions of the church and cemetery will be in responsible reliable hands during the changes and regular routines of both establishments. The church will be officially commissioning all the Wardens at the Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> service at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to get to know all the wardens over time. Please feel free to approach them with questions or concerns. They are here for you and the church community.



#### Pastoral Care

The church would like to thank Susan Macdonald for heading up this ministry for a number of years. She was very instrumental in communicating with many members of the church during the pandemic, which was a great comfort to many who were isolated and lonely. She has stepped down from this position and Helen Fernandez has agreed to chair this ministry. It is important that we all do our best to maintain this ministry which means that if you are taken to hospital or have a planned hospital visit, please let the church know. You will be added to a list so that this ministry can let the church know of your recovery. If you are house bound for a period of time and would like to hear from the church, please reach out to us so that you can also be put on the list to receive calls.

## **New Memorial Flower Listing**

There are still spaces available for Memorial flowers, if you didn't get a chance to sign up, please contact the office to see if space is available for your desired date. This is for the dedication of memorial flowers which are used each week in the church. The flowers are dedicated in the memory of your loved one in the bulletin for that week and we also pray for your deceased loved one on the Sunday. The placement of the arrangement is \$50 dollars. We are pleased to say we have not raised this amount in a long time. The flowers are provided by a local florist and are delivered on the Friday before.



## **SERVICE INFORMATION:**

### **Lent Vespers**

Lenten Vespers takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. through to March 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Lenten vespers will be "Forgiven" We will then hold Tenebrae on March 27<sup>th</sup>.



### **Holy Week Services**

March 24, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday – Church  
March 27, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Week Wednesday Service - Church  
March 28, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service – Church  
March 28, 2024 - 8:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. – Garden Watch & Compline  
March 29, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service – Church  
March 31, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – Easter Day Service – Church

### **Messy Church**

Thank you to everyone who came and made the first messy church afternoon a great success. We had 25 people attend to share a meal, make fun crafts, and to participate in a fun filled worship service. I am already busy planning the next messy church which will be held on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall and will focus on Easter and the importance of Holy Week. Please come out and have fun with us, bring friends, family, or anyone who wants to have a fun and free afternoon out. It would be appreciated if you know you will be attending could you please indicate to myself @ kbastarache@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 905-277-0462. We can be sure to have enough supplies and food for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you there.



The Messy Church is held on the last Sunday of every month.  
Kate Bastarache

## Pen Pal Program



During the Children's Vestry meeting an idea emerged to create an on-line pen pal program with members of the online congregation. The idea would be for anyone who is interested to send an email message to the Children's Minister email address ([childrensministry@stjohnsdixie.com](mailto:childrensministry@stjohnsdixie.com)) and on Sundays the Children would respond to the messages. It would be a great way of connecting the online congregation with the children in the physical congregation. So please anyone who is interested send a message and I know the children will be eager to respond. What could be more fun than creating an online friendship with members of the St. Johns Dixie Children's Sunday Funday Club. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kate Bastarache on behalf of the children in the Sunday Funday Club

## *EVENTS INFORMATION:*

### Pancake Supper

The church hosted our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>. We were pleased to see some familiar faces and a few new ones too. It is an annual tradition that is enjoyed by many. This year we received a donation of maple syrup for one of the online parishioners Ann and Hunter Wilson who own a company called "Two Wet Dogs" This syrup is a first-place award winning syrup for three years at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. If you would like to get your own bottle, please see the flyer posted in the Parish Hall.

### Palm Cross Making

We are inviting anyone interested in making or learning how to make Palm crosses to join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. We are lucky to have Maggy Farnell on hand to instruct us in this process.



We ask that you bring your own scissors and come out for the fellowship during this event. All are welcome whether you made crosses before or not, **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR SCISSORS.**

## *PROGRAM INFORMATION:*

### Open Door



Each month, we are collecting for either the Open Door or the Food Bank Mississauga. Each month we alternate between the two, **March is Open Door.**

As we start another season, the Open Door would be looking for clothing for their clients of children, men, and women for the Spring/Summer now. The Open Door doesn't have storage room so the warmer clothes should be donated to Goodwill or other charitable organization now. The Open Door also looks for paper products and cleaning products for their clients.

## **Workshop “Glad Gifts Workshop”**

The church held this workshop this past Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. There was a turnout of approximately 50 people. It was led by Diocese representatives, Elizabeth McCaffrey and Cynthia Majewski, this event was informative and hopefully will lead to continued growth within our church community. Both Elizabeth and Cynthia were impressed with our community and see great possibilities here at St. Johns.

## **E-Transfer/ Canada Help**

Please keep in mind that if you are in the local area a donation to us through e-transfer means that we receive all your donation. If you donate through Canada Help, they apply 4% of your donation to administration fees. When you donate by e-transfer you will receive from the church an acknowledgement of receipt of the transfer, and we will provide a tax receipt at the end of the year as well. We appreciate some people may not be comfortable with e-transfers, but we wanted you to be aware of the charge. We appreciate all donations however they are sent to us.

## **Donating to the church**

We have many options in order to ensure your contributions get to the church when you can't. We do accept e-transfers now. You just have to use the email address of [church@stjohnsdixie.com](mailto:church@stjohnsdixie.com) There is no need for a password we have auto deposit. You can also donate through Canada Helps there is charge for administrative fees taken off your donation. Their website is [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) or you can use the QR code provided. Of course, you can always mail in the offering at St. John's Anglican Church, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga, ON L4Y 2B5.



**LINKS TO PROGRAMING ABOVE:**

**St. Johns Church website**

[www.stjohnsdixie.org](http://www.stjohnsdixie.org)

**YouTube Sunday School link:**

<https://bit.ly/3ah5XpW>

**Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link:** Zoom Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83962667012?pwd=UGljbnZ2WUIMaVlzNlRtU0Q5SmxxZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6266 7012

Passcode: 112233

**Online Bible Study Zoom Link:** (Zoom Meeting only Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82570649568>

**Online Prayer Group – Thursday at 10 a.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86710167010>



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